GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MENTAL HEALTH HOME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of community based Mental Health Rehabilitation Half-way Homes in the Voluntary sector in Kerala are facing closure due to the implementation of the Mental Health Act, 1987 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) As per information provided by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in the Government of India, there is no information about the Half-way Homes in the voluntary Doctor in kerala facing closure due to implementation of Mental Health Act, 1987. However, under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme of Ministry of Socal Justice and Empowerment, grants-in-aid have been provided for running Half-way Home for psycho-social rehabilitation of treated and controlled mentally ill persons to three organizations in Kerala viz: Abhaya, Thiruvananthapuram; Shalom Karunya Trust, Pathanamthitta; and St. Joseph Mental Health Care Home, Thrissur.